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(57) Abstract

Novel protease variants derived from the DNA sequences of naturally-occurring or recombinant non-human proteases are disclosed. The variant proteases, in general, are obtained by in vitro modification of a precursor DNA sequence encoding the naturally-occurring or recombinant protease to generate the substitution of a plurality of amino acid residues in the amino acid sequence of a precursor protease. Such variant proteases have properties which are different from those of the precursor protease, such as altered wash performance. The substituted amino acid residue correspond to positions 62, 212, 230, 232, 252 and 257 of Bacillus amyloliquefaciens subtilisin.

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MULTIPLY-SUBSTITUTED PROTEASE VARIANTS

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The present application is a continuation-in-part application of United States
Patent Application 08/956,323, filed October 23, 1998, United States Patent
Application 08/956,564, filed October 23, 1998, and United States Patent Application
08/956,324 filed October 23, 1998, all of which are hereby incorporated herein in
their entirety.

10 Background of the invention

Serine proteases are a subgroup of carbonyl hydrolases. They comprise a diverse class of enzymes having a wide range of specificities and biological functions. Stroud, R. Sci. Amer., 131:74-88. Despite their functional diversity, the catalytic machinery of serine proteases has been approached by at least two genetically distinct families of enzymes: 1) the subtilisins and 2) the mammalian chymotrypsin-related and homologous bacterial serine proteases (e.g., trypsin and S. gresius trypsin). These two families of serine proteases show remarkably similar mechanisms of catalysis. Kraut, J. (1977), Annu. Rev. Biochem., 46:331-358. Furthermore, although the primary structure is unrelated, the tertiary structure of these two enzyme families bring together a conserved catalytic triad of amino acids consisting of serine, histidine and aspartate.

Subtilisins are serine proteases (approx. MW 27,500) which are secreted in large amounts from a wide variety of *Bacillus* species and other microorganisms. The protein sequence of subtilisin has been determined from at least nine different species of *Bacillus*. Markland, F.S., et al. (1983), Hoppe-Seyler's Z. Physiol. Chem., 364:1537-1540. The three-dimensional crystallographic structure of subtilisins from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*, *Bacillus licheniforimis* and several natural variants of *B. lentus* have been reported. These studies indicate that although subtilisin is genetically unrelated to the mammalian serine proteases, it has a similar active site structure. The x-ray crystal structures of subtilisin containing covalently bound peptide inhibitors (Robertus, J.D., et al. (1972), <u>Biochemistry</u>, 11:2439-2449) or product complexes (Robertus, J.D., et al. (1976), <u>J. Biol. Chem.</u>, 251:1097-1103) have also provided information regarding the active site and putative substrate binding cleft of subtilisin. In addition, a large number of kinetic and chemical

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modification studies have been reported for subtilisin; Svendsen. B. (1976), Carlsberg Res. Commun., 41:237-291; Markland, F.S. <u>Id</u>.) as well as at least one report wherein the side chain of methionine at residue 222 of subtilisin was converted by hydrogen peroxide to methionine-sulfoxide (Stauffer, D.C., et al. (1965), <u>J. Biol. Chem.</u>, 244:5333-5338) and extensive site-specific mutagenesis has been carried out (Wells and Estell (1988) <u>TIBS</u> 13:291-297)

Summary of the invention

It is an object herein to provide a protease variant containing a substitution of an amino acid at one or more residue positions corresponding to residue positions selected from the group consisting of 62, 212, 230, 232, 252 and 257 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.

While any combination of the above listed amino acid substitutions may be employed, the preferred protease variant enzymes of the present invention comprise the substitution of amino acid residues in the following combinations. All of the residue positions correspond to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin:

- (1) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 62 and at one or more of the following positions 103, 104, 109, 159, 213, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 252;
- (2) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 212 and at one or more of the following positions 12, 98, 102, 103, 104, 159, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 252;
- (3) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 230 and at one or more of the following positions 68, 103, 104, 159, 232, 236 and 245;
- (4) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and at one or more of the following positions: 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;
- (5) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and at one or more of the following positions 103, 104, 236 and 245;
- (6) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and 103 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62,

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- 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275:
- (7) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and 104 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;
- (8) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and 236 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;
- (9) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;
- (10) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 232, 103, 104, 236 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 76, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 205, 209, 210, 212, 213, 217, 230, 236, 245, 248, 252, 257, 260, 270 and 275;
- (11) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 252 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270:
- (12) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 252 and at one or more of the following positions 103, 104, 236 and 245;
- (13) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 252 and 103 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270;
- (14) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 252 and 104 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270;
- (15) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 252 and 236 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62.

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68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270;

- (16) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 252 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12. 61, 62, 68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270;
- (17) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at positions 252, 103, 104, 236 and 245 and at one or more of the following positions 1, 9, 12, 61, 62, 68, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 130, 131, 159, 183, 185, 210, 212, 213, 217, 232, 236, 245, 248 and 270; and
- (18) a protease variant including substitutions of the amino acid residues at position 257 and at one or more of the following positions 68, 103, 104, 205, 209, 210, 232, 236, 245 and 275. More preferred protease variants are substitution sets selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 1 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin:

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212	252	212	104	103	212	104	212	134	212	103	104	232	103	159	104	159	159	140
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232	232	232	232	236	232	236	232	232	236	159	232	206	232	232	232	232	236	232
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12	101	101	101	98	101	98	98	62	62	62	103	103	62	101	101	62	62	62

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260	252	252	252	252	252	252	252		252	248	252	245
252	248	248	248	248	248	248	248		248	245	248	236
248	245	245	245	245	245	245	245		245	236	245	232
245	236	236	236	236	236	236	236	245	236	232	236	213
236	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	236	232	194	232	206
232	159	159	159	212	209	210	205	230	194	159	230	185
159	131	104	104	159	159	159	159	159	159	104	159	159
104	104	103	103	104	104	104	104	104	104	103	104	104
103	103	101	101.	103	103	103	103	103	103	101	103	103
101	101	88	99	101	101	101	101	101	101	76	101	62

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Most preferred protease variants are substitution sets selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 2 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin:

Table 2

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													Q245R		Q245R	N252K		N252K
											Q245R		Ф236Н	N252K	О236Н	N248D		A232V Q236H Q245R N252K
			N252D					E271V	E271V		О236Н		A232V	Q245R	A232V	Q245R	Q245R	О236Н
			L217E	G159D	E271V	E271V	E271V	S212P	N243S		A232V		G159D	Ф236Н	T213R	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	A232V
E271V	N261Y	G258R	G159D	V104I	V268F	S212P	Q245L	S141N	Q236L	V104I	G159D	Q245R	V104I	A232V	G159D	A232V	A232V	G159D
S212P	N252K	S212P	V104I	S103A	S212P	V104I	S212P	T134S	S212P	S103A	V104I	A232V	S103A	.G159D	V104I	G159D	G159D	N140D
V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	N76D	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	N76D	S103A	V104I	N76D	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V1041
S103A	S103A	S103A	09ZN	N62H	S103A	S87R	S103A	S103A	S103A	N62S	N76D	S103A	V68A	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A
N76D	Q92N	N76D	V4E	Q12H	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D	U36D	G20V	V68A	U36D	S24T	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A

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			R275S															
N252K		N252K	N252K							Q245R		Q245R						
Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	L257V	Q245R	N248D	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Ω236Н	Q245R	Q236 Н	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	N248S	Q245R
Q236Н	Ф236Н	Д236Н	Q236 Н	Q245R	Ф236Н	Q245R	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	K237E	A232V	Ф236Н	A232V	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Q236H	Q245R.	Ф236Н
A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	Ф236Н	A232V	Ф236Н	A232V	A232V	α236Н	G159D	A232V	Q206L	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	Ф236Н	A232V
G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	A232V	G159D	A232V	G159D	V203E	A232V	V104I	N183D	A174V	S188C	A230T	G159D	A215T	A232V	G159D
V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	G159D	N116D	G159D	V104I	G159D	G159D	S103A	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	V104I	G159D	G159D	V104I
S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	N6/1	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A
V68A	V68A	V68A	S87G	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	A98T	S103A	S103A	N76D
N43S	N43K	N43D	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	R10C	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A

V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210R	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	L257V		
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	L257V				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	L257V	R275H		
N76D	S103A	V104I	L257V	R275H						
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T224A	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	L257V		
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	L257V			
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	0236Н	Q245R		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	G211R	A232V	0236Н	Q245R		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	G211V	A232V	α236Н	Q245R		
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y214L	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A215R	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R		
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R		
G20R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	S259G	
V68A	S87R	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	T260V	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N261G		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R	N261W		
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236Н	S242P	Q245R				
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V Q236H	Ф236Н	Q245R		

Q12R	A48V	V68A	U35N	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R		
N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R						
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y192F	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R				
N76D	S103A	V104I	V147I	G159D	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R	N248S	K251R		
Q12R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	A272S		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	N183K	Q206L	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	S256R			
V68A	N76D	S103A	V1041	G159D	Q206R	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R			
K27R	V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R			
V68A	N76D	S103A	V1041	N116T	G159D	R170S	N185S	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	
G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N43D	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212P	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A	S103A	V104I	N66S	G159D	N184D	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A	S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G20R	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209F	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		

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N261D	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K	N248D	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K		N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K	N252K
N252K	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	Q245R	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N252K	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D
N248D	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Ф236Н	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	N248D	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q236H Q245R
Q245R	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Ω236Н	A232V	Q236 Н	Q236H	Ф236Н	Q236H	Q236H	Q245R	Q236Н	Q 236Н	Q236H	Q236H	Ф236Н	Q236H	Q236 Н
Ф236Н	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	P210L	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	Q236H	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V
A232V	N185D	P210R	P210T	P210S	N185D	P210L	S212A	S212G	S212E	T213E	A232V	T213E	T213R	T213G	A215V	A215R	S216T	S216V
G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	T213S	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D
V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I
S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	A103V	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A
V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	VĠ8A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A

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	G159D A2	A232V (Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
G159D N	N173D A2	A232V (Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
G159D A	A232V Q2	Ф236Н (Q245R	N248D	K251V	N252K	
G159D Q	Q206R A2	A232V (О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252F		
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252L		
V104I G	G159D A2	A232V (О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252F	
G159D A	A232V Q2	Ф236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	T255V	
G159D A	A232V Q2	Ф236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256N	
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256E	
G159D A	A232V Q2	Ф236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	S256R	
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	T260R	
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	L257R	
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	G258D	
V104I G	G159D A2	A232V (О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N269D
N116S G	G159D A2	A232V (О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	T260E
G159D A	A232V Q2	О236Н (Q245R.	N248D	N252K	N261R	
G159D A	A232V Q2	Ф236Н (Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261D	

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V1041 A2	8	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K					
G159D A2	2	A232S	Q236 Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K					
V104I G1	5	G159D	A232V	Q236R	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A V1	5	V104I	G159D	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
V104I G1	9	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245V	N248D	N252K				
S101T S10	. S	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	N218S	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	T260A	
V104I G159D	9	069	A228V	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
N76D S103A	S10	34	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
E89D S103A	S10	Αĕ	V104I	G159D	P210L	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A	
N76D S103A	S10	34	V104I	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G159D V205I	720	151	P2101	A232V	О236Н	Q245R					
S103A V104I	5	4	S130A	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S103A V104	5	4	A133S	Q137R	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	
V1041 A1:	A	A133V	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
V104I G1	5	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248G	N252K				
V104I G1	6	G159D	N218S	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A V1	5	V104I	G159D	S160V	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
V68A N7	E	N76D	S103A	V104I	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		

G61E	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S167F	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G97E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
A98D	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S99E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	α236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S101E	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S101G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	S106E	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	Q109E	G159D	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K	N261R				
S103A	V104I	Q109R	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
N62D	S103A	V1041	G159D	A232V	Q236H -	Q245R	N248D	N252K			•	
S103A	V104I	G159D	N184D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	S166D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
S103A	V104I	G159D	L217E	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
G20R	N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	L217E	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
N62D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Q206R	A232V	A232V Q236H Q245R	Q245R	N248D	N252K			

S103A	V104	S130G	G159D	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V:104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
K27N	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ω236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
T38G	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	α236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
T38A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	T260A		
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	А232V Q236Н	Q245R	T260A	E271G	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	T213R	A232V	0236Н	Q245R	T260A	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P2101	T213R	A232V	Ω236Н	Q245R	T260A	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	T213R	A232V	Q236Н	Q245R	T260A	
V68A	N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	P2101	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	T260A		
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	T260A			
N76D	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	T260A			
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	0236Н	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210I	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	L126F	A232V	Ω236Н	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	A232V	О236Н	Q245R				
V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	P210L	A232V	О236Н	Q245R				
S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	Q236Н	Q245R						

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						N261W					T260A							
						T260A					Q245R	T260A		T260A		Q245R	L257V	
		L257V	L257V	L257V		Q245R	N261W		N252K		Q236H	Q245R		Q245R	T260A	Ф236Н	Q245R	L257V
T260A		Q245R	Q245R	Q245R		Q236H	L257V	T260A	N248D	L257V	A232V	Q236H		Ф236Н	Q245R	A232V	Q236H	Q245R
Q245R		Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	L257V	A232V	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	T213R	A232V	L257V	A232V	Q236H	P210I	A232V.	Ф236Н
Q236H	Q245R	A232V	A232V	A232V	Q245R	T213R	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Q236Н	О236Н	P210L	T213R	Q245R	T213R	A232V	Y209W	P2101	A232V
A232V	Q236Н	A174V	A194S	Y209W	0236Н	G159D	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	G159D	Y209W	Ф236Н	P210I	Y209W	V205I	Y209W	Y209W
G159D	A232V	G159D	G159D	G159D	A232V	V104I	G159D	T213R	P210I	Y209W	V104I	G159D	A232V	V205I	V205I	G159D	V205I	V205I
V104I	G159D	V104I	V104I	V104l	G159D	S103A	V104I	G159D	G159D	G159D	S103A	V104I	Y209W	G159D	G159D	V104I	G159D	G159D
S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	N76D	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	N76D	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I
V68A	S103A	V68A	V68A	V68A	S103A	V68A	V68A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A	Q12R	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A	S103A	S103A

V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	T260A		
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	Y209W	P210I	A232V	О236Н	Q245R				
S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	P2101	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R					
S103A	V104I	G159D	V205I	P2101	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R					
V68A	S103A	V104I	S128L	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R					
A48V	S103A	V104I	G159D	A230V	О236Н	Q245R						
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	Y209W	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R				
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
A48V	V68A	S103A	V104I	G159D	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	L257V	N261W			
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		•	
Q12R	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
S101G	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Ф236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
A98L	G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	S212G	A232V	Q236H	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
G102A	S103A	V104I	G159D	T213R	A232V	Q236 Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K				
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G159D V2051 A232V	က္က		0236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K		
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It is a further object to provide DNA sequences encoding such protease variants, as well as expression vectors containing such variant DNA sequences.

Still further, another object of the invention is to provide host cells transformed with such vectors, as well as host cells which are capable of expressing such DNA to produce protease variants either intracellularly or extracellularly.

There is further provided a cleaning composition comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

Additionally, there is provided an animal feed comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

Also provided is a composition for the treatment of a textile comprising a protease variant of the present invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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Figs. 1 A-C depict the DNA and amino acid sequence for *Bacillus* amyloliquefaciens subtilisin and a partial restriction map of this gene.

Fig. 2 depicts the conserved amino acid residues among subtilisins from Bacillus amyloliquefaciens (BPN)' and Bacillus lentus (wild-type).

Figs. 3A and 3B depict the amino acid sequence of four subtilisins. The top line represents the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (also sometimes referred to as subtilisin BPN'). The second line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus subtilis*. The third line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *B. licheniformis*. The fourth line depicts the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (also referred to as subtilisin 309 in PCT WO89/06276). The symbol * denotes the absence of specific amino acid residues as compared to subtilisin BPN'.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Proteases are carbonyl hydrolases which generally act to cleave peptide bonds of proteins or peptides. As used herein, "protease" means a naturally-occurring protease or a recombinant protease. Naturally-occurring proteases include α -aminoacylpeptide hydrolase, peptidylamino acid hydrolase, acylamino hydrolase, serine carboxypeptidase, metallocarboxypeptidase, thiol proteinase, carboxylproteinase and metalloproteinase. Serine, metallo, thiol and acid proteases are included, as well as endo and exo-proteases.

The present invention includes protease enzymes which are non-naturally occurring carbonyl hydrolase variants (protease variants) having a different proteolytic activity, stability, substrate specificity, pH profile and/or performance characteristic as compared to the precursor carbonyl hydrolase from which the amino acid sequence of the variant is derived. Specifically, such protease variants have an amino acid sequence not found in nature, which is derived by substitution of a plurality of amino acid residues of a precursor protease with different amino acids. The precursor protease may be a naturally-occurring protease or a recombinant protease.

The protease variants useful herein encompass the substitution of any of the nineteen naturally occurring L-amino acids at the designated amino acid residue positions. Such substitutions can be made in any precursor subtilisin (procaryotic, eucaryotic, mammalian, etc.). Throughout this application reference is made to various amino acids by way of common one - and three-letter codes. Such codes are identified in Dale, M.W. (1989), Molecular Genetics of Bacteria, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., Appendix B.

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The protease variants useful herein are preferably derived from a *Bacillus* subtilisin. More preferably, the protease variants are derived from *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin and/or subtilisin 309.

Subtilisins are bacterial or fungal proteases which generally act to cleave peptide bonds of proteins or peptides. As used herein, "subtilisin" means a naturally-occurring subtilisin or a recombinant subtilisin. A series of naturally-occurring subtilisins is known to be produced and often secreted by various microbial species. Amino acid sequences of the members of this series are not entirely homologous. However, the subtilisins in this series exhibit the same or similar type of proteolytic activity. This class of serine proteases shares a common amino acid sequence defining a catalytic triad which distinguishes them from the chymotrypsin related class of serine proteases. The subtilisins and chymotrypsin related serine proteases both have a catalytic triad comprising aspartate, histidine and serine. In the subtilisin related proteases the relative order of these amino acids, reading from the amino to carboxy terminus, is aspartate-histidine-serine. In the chymotrypsin related proteases, the relative order, however, is histidine-aspartate-serine. Thus, subtilisin herein refers to a serine protease having the catalytic triad of subtilisin related

proteases. Examples include but are not limited to the subtilisins identified in Fig. 3 herein. Generally and for purposes of the present invention, numbering of the amino acids in proteases corresponds to the numbers assigned to the mature *Bacillus* amyloliquefaciens subtilisin sequence presented in Fig. 1.

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"Recombinant subtilisin" or "recombinant protease" refer to a subtilisin or protease in which the DNA sequence encoding the subtilisin or protease is modified to produce a variant (or mutant) DNA sequence which encodes the substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more amino acids in the naturally-occurring amino acid sequence. Suitable methods to produce such modification, and which may be combined with those disclosed herein, include those disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606, US Patent 5,204,015 and US Patent 5,185,258, U.S. Patent 5,700,676, U.S. Patent 5,801,038, and U.S. Patent 5,763,257.

"Non-human subtilisins" and the DNA encoding them may be obtained from many procaryotic and eucaryotic organisms. Suitable examples of procaryotic organisms include gram negative organisms such as *E. coli* or *Pseudomonas* and gram positive bacteria such as *Micrococcus* or *Bacillus*. Examples of eucaryotic organisms from which subtilisin and their genes may be obtained include yeast such as *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, fungi such as *Aspergillus* sp.

A "protease variant" has an amino acid sequence which is derived from the amino acid sequence of a "precursor protease". The precursor proteases include naturally-occurring proteases and recombinant proteases. The amino acid sequence of the protease variant is "derived" from the precursor protease amino acid sequence by the substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more amino acids of the precursor amino acid sequence. Such modification is of the "precursor DNA sequence" which encodes the amino acid sequence of the precursor protease rather than manipulation of the precursor protease enzyme *per se*. Suitable methods for such manipulation of the precursor DNA sequence include methods disclosed herein, as well as methods known to those skilled in the art (see, for example, EP 0 328299, WO89/06279 and the US patents and applications already referenced herein).

Specific substitutions of amino acids at one or more residue positions corresponding to residue positions selected from the group consisting of 62, 212, 230, 232, 252 and 257 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are identified herein.

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Preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 1.

More preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 2

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Further preferred variants are those having combinations of substitutions at residue positions corresponding to positions of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in Table 3.

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These amino acid position numbers refer to those assigned to the mature *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin sequence presented in Fig. 1. The invention, however, is not limited to the mutation of this particular subtilisin but extends to precursor proteases containing amino acid residues at positions which are "equivalent" to the particular identified residues in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, the precursor protease is *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin and the substitutions are made at the equivalent amino acid residue positions in *B. lentus* corresponding to those listed above.

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A residue (amino acid) position of a precursor protease is equivalent to a residue of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin if it is either homologous (i.e., corresponding in position in either primary or tertiary structure) or analogous to a specific residue or portion of that residue in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (i.e., having the same or similar functional capacity to combine, react, or interact chemically).

In order to establish homology to primary structure, the amino acid sequence of a precursor protease is directly compared to the Bacillus amyloliquefaciens subtilisin primary sequence and particularly to a set of residues known to be invariant in subtilisins for which sequence is known. For example, Fig. 2 herein shows the conserved residues as between B. amyloliquefaciens subtilisin and B. lentus subtilisin. After aligning the conserved residues, allowing for necessary insertions and deletions in order to maintain alignment (i.e., avoiding the elimination of conserved residues through arbitrary deletion and insertion), the residues equivalent to particular amino acids in the primary sequence of Bacillus amyloliquefaciens subtilisin are defined. Alignment of conserved residues preferably should conserve 100% of such residues. However, alignment of greater than 75% or as little as 50% of conserved residues is also adequate to define equivalent residues. Conservation of the catalytic triad, Asp32/His64/Ser221 should be maintained. Siezen et al. (1991) Protein Eng. 4(7):719-737 shows the alignment of a large number of serine proteases. Siezen et al. refer to the grouping as subtilases or subtilisin-like serine proteases.

For example, in Fig. 3, the amino acid sequence of subtilisin from *Bacillus* amyloliquefaciens, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus licheniformis* (carlsbergensis) and *Bacillus lentus* are aligned to provide the maximum amount of homology between amino acid sequences. A comparison of these sequences shows that there are a

number of conserved residues contained in each sequence. These conserved residues (as between BPN' and *B. lentus*) are identified in Fig. 2.

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These conserved residues, thus, may be used to define the corresponding equivalent amino acid residues of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in other subtilisins such as subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (PCT Publication No. W089/06279 published July 13, 1989), the preferred protease precursor enzyme herein, or the subtilisin referred to as PB92 (EP 0 328 299), which is highly homologous to the preferred *Bacillus lentus* subtilisin. The amino acid sequences of certain of these subtilisins are aligned in Figs. 3A and 3B with the sequence of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin to produce the maximum homology of conserved residues. As can be seen, there are a number of deletions in the sequence of *Bacillus lentus* as compared to *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. Thus, for example, the equivalent amino acid for Val165 in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin in the other subtilisins is isoleucine for *B. lentus* and *B. licheniformis*.

"Equivalent residues" may also be defined by determining homology at the level of tertiary structure for a precursor protease whose tertiary structure has been determined by x-ray crystallography. Equivalent residues are defined as those for which the atomic coordinates of two or more of the main chain atoms of a particular amino acid residue of the precursor protease and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin (N on N, CA on CA, C on C and O on O) are within 0.13nm and preferably 0.1nm after alignment. Alignment is achieved after the best model has been oriented and positioned to give the maximum overlap of atomic coordinates of non-hydrogen protein atoms of the protease in question to the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. The best model is the crystallographic model giving the lowest R factor for experimental diffraction data at the highest resolution available.

$$R factor = \frac{\sum_{h} |Fo(h)| - |Fc(h)|}{\sum_{h} |Fo(h)|}$$

Equivalent residues which are functionally analogous to a specific residue of Bacillus amyloliquefaciens subtilisin are defined as those amino acids of the precursor protease which may adopt a conformation such that they either alter, modify or contribute to protein structure, substrate binding or catalysis in a manner

defined and attributed to a specific residue of the *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. Further, they are those residues of the precursor protease (for which a tertiary structure has been obtained by x-ray crystallography) which occupy an analogous position to the extent that, although the main chain atoms of the given residue may not satisfy the criteria of equivalence on the basis of occupying a homologous position, the atomic coordinates of at least two of the side chain atoms of the residue lie with 0.13nm of the corresponding side chain atoms of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin. The coordinates of the three dimensional structure of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are set forth in EPO Publication No. 0 251 446 (equivalent to US Patent 5,182,204, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference) and can be used as outlined above to determine equivalent residues on the level of tertiary structure.

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Some of the residues identified for substitution are conserved residues whereas others are not. In the case of residues which are not conserved, the substitution of one or more amino acids is limited to substitutions which produce a variant which has an amino acid sequence that does not correspond to one found in nature. In the case of conserved residues, such substitutions should not result in a naturally-occurring sequence. The protease variants of the present invention include the mature forms of protease variants, as well as the pro- and prepro-forms of such protease variants. The prepro-forms are the preferred construction since this facilitates the expression, secretion and maturation of the protease variants.

"Prosequence" refers to a sequence of amino acids bound to the N-terminal portion of the mature form of a protease which when removed results in the appearance of the "mature" form of the protease. Many proteolytic enzymes are found in nature as translational proenzyme products and, in the absence of post-translational processing, are expressed in this fashion. A preferred prosequence for producing protease variants is the putative prosequence of *Bacillus* amyloliquefaciens subtilisin, although other protease prosequences may be used.

A "signal sequence" or "presequence" refers to any sequence of amino acids bound to the N-terminal portion of a protease or to the N-terminal portion of a proprotease which may participate in the secretion of the mature or pro forms of the protease. This definition of signal sequence is a functional one, meant to include all those amino acid sequences encoded by the N-terminal portion of the protease gene which participate in the effectuation of the secretion of protease under native

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conditions. The present invention utilizes such sequences to effect the secretion of the protease variants as defined herein. One possible signal sequence comprises the first seven amino acid residues of the signal sequence from *Bacillus subtilis* subtilisin fused to the remainder of the signal sequence of the subtilisin from *Bacillus lentus* (ATCC 21536).

A "prepro" form of a protease variant consists of the mature form of the protease having a prosequence operably linked to the amino terminus of the protease and a "pre" or "signal" sequence operably linked to the amino terminus of the prosequence.

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"Expression vector" refers to a DNA construct containing a DNA sequence which is operably linked to a suitable control sequence capable of effecting the expression of said DNA in a suitable host. Such control sequences include a promoter to effect transcription, an optional operator sequence to control such transcription, a sequence encoding suitable mRNA ribosome binding sites and sequences which control termination of transcription and translation. The vector may be a plasmid, a phage particle, or simply a potential genomic insert. Once transformed into a suitable host, the vector may replicate and function independently of the host genome, or may, in some instances, integrate into the genome itself. In the present specification, "plasmid" and "vector" are sometimes used interchangeably as the plasmid is the most commonly used form of vector at present. However, the invention is intended to include such other forms of expression vectors which serve equivalent functions and which are, or become, known in the art.

The "host cells" used in the present invention generally are procaryotic or eucaryotic hosts which preferably have been manipulated by the methods disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606 to render them incapable of secreting enzymatically active endoprotease. A preferred host cell for expressing protease is the *Bacillus* strain BG2036 which is deficient in enzymatically active neutral protease and alkaline protease (subtilisin). The construction of strain BG2036 is described in detail in US Patent 5,264,366. Other host cells for expressing protease include *Bacillus subtilis* I168 (also described in US Patent RE 34,606 and US Patent 5,264,366, the disclosure of which are incorporated herein by reference), as well as any suitable *Bacillus* strain such as *B. licheniformis*, *B. lentus*, etc.

Host cells are transformed or transfected with vectors constructed using recombinant DNA techniques. Such transformed host cells are capable of either

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replicating vectors encoding the protease variants or expressing the desired protease variant. In the case of vectors which encode the pre- or prepro-form of the protease variant, such variants, when expressed, are typically secreted from the host cell into the host cell medium.

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"Operably linked," when describing the relationship between two DNA regions, simply means that they are functionally related to each other. For example, a presequence is operably linked to a peptide if it functions as a signal sequence, participating in the secretion of the mature form of the protein most probably involving cleavage of the signal sequence. A promoter is operably linked to a coding sequence if it controls the transcription of the sequence; a ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to permit translation.

The genes encoding the naturally-occurring precursor protease may be obtained in accord with the general methods known to those skilled in the art. The methods generally comprise synthesizing labeled probes having putative sequences encoding regions of the protease of interest, preparing genomic libraries from organisms expressing the protease, and screening the libraries for the gene of interest by hybridization to the probes. Positively hybridizing clones are then mapped and sequenced.

The cloned protease is then used to transform a host cell in order to express the protease. The protease gene is then ligated into a high copy number plasmid. This plasmid replicates in hosts in the sense that it contains the well-known elements necessary for plasmid replication: a promoter operably linked to the gene in question (which may be supplied as the gene's own homologous promoter if it is recognized, i.e., transcribed, by the host), a transcription termination and polyadenylation region (necessary for stability of the mRNA transcribed by the host from the protease gene in certain eucaryotic host cells) which is exogenous or is supplied by the endogenous terminator region of the protease gene and, desirably, a selection gene such as an antibiotic resistance gene that enables continuous cultural maintenance of plasmid-infected host cells by growth in antibiotic-containing media. High copy number plasmids also contain an origin of replication for the host, thereby enabling large numbers of plasmids to be generated in the cytoplasm without chromosomal limitations. However, it is within the scope herein to integrate multiple copies of the protease gene into host genome. This is facilitated by procaryotic and

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eucaryotic organisms which are particularly susceptible to homologous recombination.

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The gene can be a natural *B. lentus* gene. Alternatively, a synthetic gene encoding a naturally-occurring or mutant precursor protease may be produced. In such an approach, the DNA and/or amino acid sequence of the precursor protease is determined. Multiple, overlapping synthetic single-stranded DNA fragments are thereafter synthesized, which upon hybridization and ligation produce a synthetic DNA encoding the precursor protease. An example of synthetic gene construction is set forth in Example 3 of US Patent 5,204,015, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Once the naturally-occurring or synthetic precursor protease gene has been cloned, a number of modifications are undertaken to enhance the use of the gene beyond synthesis of the naturally-occurring precursor protease. Such modifications include the production of recombinant proteases as disclosed in US Patent RE 34,606 and EPO Publication No. 0 251 446 and the production of protease variants described herein.

The following cassette mutagenesis method may be used to facilitate the construction of the protease variants of the present invention, although other methods may be used. First, the naturally-occurring gene encoding the protease is obtained and sequenced in whole or in part. Then the sequence is scanned for a point at which it is desired to make a mutation (deletion, insertion or substitution) of one or more amino acids in the encoded enzyme. The sequences flanking this point are evaluated for the presence of restriction sites for replacing a short segment of the gene with an oligonucleotide pool which when expressed will encode various mutants. Such restriction sites are preferably unique sites within the protease gene so as to facilitate the replacement of the gene segment. However, any convenient restriction site which is not overly redundant in the protease gene may be used, provided the gene fragments generated by restriction digestion can be reassembled in proper sequence. If restriction sites are not present at locations within a convenient distance from the selected point (from 10 to 15 nucleotides), such sites are generated by substituting nucleotides in the gene in such a fashion that neither the reading frame nor the amino acids encoded are changed in the final construction. Mutation of the gene in order to change its sequence to conform to the desired sequence is accomplished by M13 primer extension in accord with generally known

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methods. The task of locating suitable flanking regions and evaluating the needed changes to arrive at two convenient restriction site sequences is made routine by the redundancy of the genetic code, a restriction enzyme map of the gene and the large number of different restriction enzymes. Note that if a convenient flanking restriction site is available, the above method need be used only in connection with the flanking region which does not contain a site.

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Once the naturally-occurring DNA or synthetic DNA is cloned, the restriction sites flanking the positions to be mutated are digested with the cognate restriction enzymes and a plurality of end termini-complementary oligonucleotide cassettes are ligated into the gene. The mutagenesis is simplified by this method because all of the oligonucleotides can be synthesized so as to have the same restriction sites, and no synthetic linkers are necessary to create the restriction sites.

As used herein, proteolytic activity is defined as the rate of hydrolysis of peptide bonds per milligram of active enzyme. Many well known procedures exist for measuring proteolytic activity (K. M. Kalisz, "Microbial Proteinases," <u>Advances in Biochemical Engineering/Biotechnology</u>, A. Fiechter ed., 1988). In addition to or as an alternative to modified proteolytic activity, the variant enzymes of the present invention may have other modified properties such as K_m , k_{cat} , k_{cat} / K_m ratio and/or modified substrate specificity and/or modified pH activity profile. These enzymes can be tailored for the particular substrate which is anticipated to be present, for example, in the preparation of peptides or for hydrolytic processes such as laundry uses.

In one aspect of the invention, the objective is to secure a variant protease having altered, preferably improved wash performance as compared to a precursor protease in at least one detergent formulation and or under at least one set of wash conditions.

There is a variety of wash conditions including varying detergent formulations, wash water volume, wash water temperature and length of wash time that a protease variant might be exposed to. For example, detergent formulations used in different areas have different concentrations of their relevant components present in the wash water. For example, a European detergent typically has about 4500-5000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water while a Japanese detergent typically has approximately 667 ppm of detergent components in the wash

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water. In North America, particularly the United States, a detergent typically has about 975 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

A low detergent concentration system includes detergents where less than about 800 ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. Japanese detergents are typically considered low detergent concentration system as they have approximately 667 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

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A medium detergent concentration includes detergents where between about 800 ppm and about 2000ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. North American detergents are generally considered to be medium detergent concentration systems as they have approximately 975 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water. Brazil typically has approximately 1500 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

A high detergent concentration system includes detergents where greater than about 2000 ppm of detergent components are present in the wash water. European detergents are generally considered to be high detergent concentration systems as they have approximately 4500-5000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water.

Latin American detergents are generally high suds phosphate builder detergents and the range of detergents used in Latin America can fall in both the medium and high detergent concentrations as they range from 1500 ppm to 6000 ppm of detergent components in the wash water. As mentioned above, Brazil typically has approximately 1500 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water. However, other high suds phosphate builder detergent geographies, not limited to other Latin American countries, may have high detergent concentration systems up to about 6000 ppm of detergent components present in the wash water.

In light of the foregoing, it is evident that concentrations of detergent compositions in typical wash solutions throughout the world varies from less than about 800 ppm of detergent composition ("low detergent concentration geographies"), for example about 667 ppm in Japan, to between about 800 ppm to about 2000 ppm ("medium detergent concentration geographies"), for example about 975 ppm in U.S. and about 1500 ppm in Brazil, to greater than about 2000 ppm ("high detergent concentration geographies"), for example about 4500 ppm to about 5000 ppm in Europe and about 6000 ppm in high suds phosphate builder geographies.

The concentrations of the typical wash solutions are determined empirically. For example, in the U.S., a typical washing machine holds a volume of about 64.4 L of wash solution. Accordingly, in order to obtain a concentration of about 975 ppm of detergent within the wash solution about 62.79 g of detergent composition must be added to the 64.4 L of wash solution. This amount is the typical amount measured into the wash water by the consumer using the measuring cup provided with the detergent.

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As a further example, different geographies use different wash temperatures. The temperature of the wash water in Japan is typically less than that used in Europe.

Accordingly one aspect of the present invention includes a protease variant that shows improved wash performance in at least one set of wash conditions.

In another aspect of the invention, it has been determined that substitution of an amino acid at one or more residue positions corresponding to residue positions selected from the group consisting of 62, 212, 230, 232, 252 and 257 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are important in improving the wash performance of the enzyme.

These substitutions are preferably made in *Bacillus lentus* (recombinant or native-type) subtilisin, although the substitutions may be made in any *Bacillus* protease.

Based on the screening results obtained with the variant proteases, the noted mutations in *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin are important to the proteolytic activity, performance and/or stability of these enzymes and the cleaning or wash performance of such variant enzymes.

Many of the protease variants of the invention are useful in formulating various detergent compositions or personal care formulations such as shampoos or lotions. A number of known compounds are suitable surfactants useful in compositions comprising the protease mutants of the invention. These include nonionic, anionic, cationic, or zwitterionic detergents, as disclosed in US 4,404,128 to Barry J. Anderson and US 4,261,868 to Jiri Flora, et al. A suitable detergent formulation is that described in Example 7 of US Patent 5,204,015 (previously incorporated by reference). The art is familiar with the different formulations which can be used as cleaning compositions. In addition to typical cleaning compositions, it is readily understood that the protease variants of the present invention may be

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used for any purpose that native or wild-type proteases are used. Thus, these variants can be used, for example, in bar or liquid soap applications, dishcare formulations, contact lens cleaning solutions or products, peptide hydrolysis, waste treatment, textile applications, as fusion-cleavage enzymes in protein production, etc. The variants of the present invention may comprise enhanced performance in a detergent composition (as compared to the precursor). As used herein, enhanced performance in a detergent is defined as increasing cleaning of certain enzyme sensitive stains such as grass or blood, as determined by usual evaluation after a standard wash cycle.

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Proteases of the invention can be formulated into known powdered and liquid detergents having pH between 6.5 and 12.0 at levels of about 0.01 to about 5% (preferably 0.1% to 0.5%) by weight. These detergent cleaning compositions can also include other enzymes such as known proteases, amylases, cellulases, lipases or endoglycosidases, as well as builders and stabilizers.

The addition of proteases of the invention to conventional cleaning compositions does not create any special use limitation. In other words, any temperature and pH suitable for the detergent is also suitable for the present compositions as long as the pH is within the above range, and the temperature is below the described protease's denaturing temperature. In addition, proteases of the invention can be used in a cleaning composition without detergents, again either alone or in combination with builders and stabilizers.

The present invention also relates to cleaning compositions containing the protease variants of the invention. The cleaning compositions may additionally contain additives which are commonly used in cleaning compositions. These can be selected from, but not limited to, bleaches, surfactants, builders, enzymes and bleach catalysts. It would be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art what additives are suitable for inclusion into the compositions. The list provided herein is by no means exhaustive and should be only taken as examples of suitable additives. It will also be readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art to only use those additives which are compatible with the enzymes and other components in the composition, for example, surfactant.

When present, the amount of additive present in the cleaning composition is from about 0.01% to about 99.9%, preferably about 1% to about 95%, more preferably about 1% to about 80%.

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The variant proteases of the present invention can be included in animal feed such as part of animal feed additives as described in, for example. US 5,612,055; US 5,314,692; and US 5,147,642.

One aspect of the invention is a composition for the treatment of a textile that includes variant proteases of the present invention. The composition can be used to treat for example silk or wool as described in publications such as RD 216,034: EP 134,267; US 4,533,359; and EP 344,259.

The following is presented by way of example and is not to be construed as a limitation to the scope of the claims.

All publications and patents referenced herein are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Example 1

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A large number of protease variants were produced and purified using methods well known in the art. All mutations were made in *Bacillus lentus* GG36 subtilisin. The variants are shown in Table 4.

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G159D	V104I	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	P131V	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	V104I	S103A
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S103A	V68A	A48V	A48V	A48V	A48V	G102A	Q12R	S101G	A98L	G102A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	N62D	Q12R

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N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	N248D	Q245R	N248D	Q245R	Q245R	Q236H			Q245R	N248D	N248D	N248D	Q245R	Q245R
Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	A232V			Q236H	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q236H	Q236H
Ф236Н	Q236H	Q236Н	Q236H	Q236H	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	T213R	N252K		A232V	Q236 Н	Q236H	Q236 Н	A232V	A232V
A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	S212G	S212G	T213R	T213R	S212G	N248D		T213R	A232V	A232V	A232V	T213R	T213R
N185D	Q206E	T213Q	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	S212G	G159D	Q245R	Q245R	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D
G159D	G159D	G159D	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	Q109R	G159D	V104I	A232V	A230V	S130G	S130G	S128G	S128L	V104I	S128G
V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	G159D	G159D	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I
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S101G S103A V.104I G159D	D A230V	Q236Н	Q245R						
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S101G S103A V104I G159D	D A230V	A232V	О236Н	Q245R	N248D	N252K			
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Example 2

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A large number of the protease variants produced in Example 1 were tested for performance in two types of detergent and wash conditions using a microswatch assay described in "An improved method of assaying for a preferred enzyme and/or preferred detergent composition". U.S. Serial No. 60/068,796.

Table 5 lists the variant proteases assayed and the results of testing in two different detergents. For column A, the detergent was 0.67 g/l filtered Ariel Ultra (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column B, the detergent was 3.38 g/l filtered Ariel Futur (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 15 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 40°C.

Table 5

B	-	1.11	1.85	1.20	1.67	1.42	1.80	1.78	1.34	1.67	0.53	0.20	1.41	0.47	1.28	0.09
4	-	0.56	1.41	2.77	2.26	2.96	1.91	2.05	2.00	2.38	2.83	2.87	2.56	3.97	3.35	3.77
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			N252K	N248D		Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	L257V	N248D	Q245R	N252S	L257V	Q245R	Q245R
			Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Q236H	Q236H	Q245R	Q245R	K237E	Q245R	Q245R	О236Н	Q236 Н
			Q236H	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	Q236H	Q236H	Q236 Н	Q236Н	О236Н	A232V	A232V
			A232V	A232V	A232V	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	A232V	T224A	G159D
			G159D	G159D	G159D	N140D	V104I	V104I	V104I	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	G159D	V104I
	V104I	A228T	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A
	S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A	V68A	V68A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A
	N76D	S103A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	N43S	N43K	N43D	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	G61E

0.47	1.46	0.28	0.33	0.36	0.43	0.32	0.33	0.13	0.35	0.55	0.25	0.48	0.19	0.29	0.53	0.12	0.43
3.50	2.81	1.56	1.22	1.13	1.22	1.12	1.54	1.04	1.09	1.1	1.50	1.11	1.05	1.32	1.19	0.92	1.31
N252K	N252K																
N248D	N248D																
Q245R	Q245R																
Q236H	Q236H																
A232V	A232V																
G159D	S212P				N248D				A174V	K237Q							
V104I	G159D	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	N261D	S216C	V104I	V104I	N183D	V104I	V104I	N184D	N252D	S259C	K251T
S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I
V68A	S103A	A98E	N76D	N77D	N76D	M76D	S103A	S103A	U77D	N76D	S103A	M76D	09/N	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A
N43D	V68A	N76D	V4E	N76D	A16T	A1E	M76D	N76D	N76D	T38S	N76D	R19L	R19C	N76D	N76D	M76D	N76D

0.98	0.37	0.16	0.99	0.23	0.28	0.71	1.26	0.87	1.07	1.31	1.35	1.02	0.92	1.25	1.32	1.10	1.17
1.00	1.70	1.12	1.13	1.88	1.29	0.52	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.61	0.69	0.37	0.98	0.63	0.49	0.39	0.34
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S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	S103A	V104I
P86S	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A	U36D	S103A	S103A	S99R	S103A	U36D	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	N76D	N76D	S103A
N76D	172V	N76D	N76D	M76D	H17L	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D	Q12R	N76D	M76D	Q9ZN	M76D	Q12R	N43S	N76D

1.25	0.95	0.98	0.91	1.02	1.01	1.02	1.06	1.26	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.16	0.88	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
0.57	0.22	0.24	0.13	0.16	0.31	0.33	0.38	0.84	1.97	1.51	1.40	1.95	2.41	1.34	1.78	2.16	1.91
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E271G	Q182R	V104I	M119I	Q137R	V104I	Q206R	S212P	V104I	Q206E	V104I	V104I	A158E	Q206E	V104I	Q206E	G159D	V104I
V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A
S103A	S103A	09ZN	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	N76D	N77D	S103A	S103A	N77D	S103A	S103A	N76D
Q9/N	N76D	L21M	N76D	N76D	A13T	M76D	M76D	T58S	N76D	V4E	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D	09ZN	M76D	V4E

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2.06	1.73	2.04	3.20	1.83	1.42	1.86	1.87	1.90	1.61	0.44	0.39	0.62	0.11	0.12	1.63	2.37	2.97
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S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	V104i	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	N76D	S103A	S103A
N76D	S103A	U36D	M76D	N76D	N62H	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S87R	S103A	S103A	S103A	N62S	M76D	M76D
V4E	N76D	A48T	V68A	L42V	Q12H	L42I	N76D	N76D	G20V	V68A	V68A						

0.61	0.12	0.38	0.61	0.11	0.14	0.40	0.34	0.03	90.0	0.57	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.62	0.03	0.02
3.00	2.71	2.46	2.46	3.31	3.06	3.11	3.12	3.18	2.78	2.49	3.37	3.11	3.15	3.31	3.26	2.78	3.28
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Q245R	Q236H				Ф236Н	G159D	Ф236Н	Q236Н	N184S		Q245L	Q236H	H249Q	Q245R	Q236H	Q245R	N204D
Ф236Н	L217I			Q236R	G159D	V1211	G159D	Y209S	G159D		О236Н	G159D	Q236H	Ф236Н	G159D	Q236H	A174V
G159D	G159D	V104I		G159D	V104I	A114V	V104I	G159D	N117K	Q236H	G159D	N123S	G159D	G159D	S141N	G159D	G159D
V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I	V104I
S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A
U36D	N76D	V68A	N76D	N76D	L75R	N76D	V68A	N76D	U36D	N76D	U36D	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D	N76D
V68A	V68A	H170	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	Q12R	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A	V68A

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S103A V104I G159D A194I
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N76D S103A V104I
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V104I L257V R275H
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1.49	0.68	1.37	1.2	0.76	1.86	1.44	1.14	1.29	1.81	1.53	1.72	1.62	1.08	QN	1.23	1.65	0.46
2.62	2.92	2.17	0.48	2.92	2.09	0.51	1.60	1.35	1.92	1.17	2.01	2.09	3.00	2	1.01	0.57	0.86
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T260V					Q245R			K251R	A272S	Q245R				Q236H			
Q245R	N261G	N261W		Q245R	Ф236Н			N248S	Q245R	Q236H	S256R	Q245R	Q245R	A232V			
Ф236Н	Q245R	Q245R		Ф236Н	A232V		Q245R	Q245R	Q236Н	A232V	Q245R	Q236H	Q236H	N185S			
A232V	Q236H	Q236H	Q245R	A232V	G159D		Q236H	Ф236Н	A232V	Q206L	Q236H	A232V	A232V	R170S			
G159D	A232V	A232V	S242P	P210L	V104I	Q245R	A232V	A232V	G159D	N183K	A232V	Q206R	G159D	G159D		H249R	
V104I	G159D	G159D	Q236H	G159D	S103A	Q236H	Y192F	G159D	V104I	G159D	G159D	G159D	V104I	N116T	Q245R	M222S	M222S
S103A	V104I	V104I	A232V	V104I	N76D	A232V	G159D	V147I	S103A	V104I	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	M222S	V104I	N173R
S87R	S103A	S103A	V104I	S103A	V68A	V104I	V104I	V104I	N76D	S103A	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	V104I	S103A	V104I
N76D	N76D	N76D	S103A	N76D	A48V	S103A	S103A	S103A	V68A	N76D	N76D	N76D	V68A	N76D	S103A	N76D	S103A
V68A	V68A	V68A	N76D	V68A	Q12R	N76D	N76D	N76D	Q12R	V68A	V68A	V68A	K27R	V68A	N76D	Q12R	N76D

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0.77	0.76	1.16	1.12	96.0	1.25	1.01	1.46	1.56	1.74	1.56	1.61	1.85	1.56	1.30	1.30	0.16	0.04
1.24	1.18	0.52	0.56	0.43	0.42	1.15	0.53	0.69	99.0	0.52	0.70	0.79	0.78	1.25	1.29	1.44	2.01
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												Q245R	Q245R	N261D		Q245R	M222S
	Y263F								Q245R	Q245R	Q245R	M222S	V227A	Q245R		M222S	N185D
	K237R		E271D				Q245R		V244I	P210T	M222S	A215V	M222S	M222S	Q245R	S130T	R170S
Y263F	M222S	M222S	M222S	M222S	M222S	H249R	M222S	Q245R	M222S	M222S	S130T	S130T	S130T	S130T	M222S	1104T	S130T
M222S	V104I	Q109R	Q109R	V104I	Q137R	M222S	V104I	A232V	1104T	V104I	1104T	1104T	1104T	1104T	S130T	S103A	1104T
V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	V104I	S103A	V104I	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	S103A	1104T	09/N	S103A
S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	N76D	S103A	S103A	M76D	S103A	Q9/N	M76D	N76D	Q9/N	U36D	M76D	S103A	S57P	M76D
N76D	L21M	Q9/N	09ZN	G61R	N76D	N76D	Q12R	N76D	Q12R	Q12R	Q12R	Q12R	Q12R	Q12R	M76D	Q12R	Q12R

N76D	S103A	1104T	S130T	M222S	S103A 1104T S130T M222S Q245R V268A	V268A		0.77 1.60	1.60
	S103A	1104T	S130T	M222S	S103A 1104T S130T M222S P210S Q245R	Q245R		0.73 1.66	1.66
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Example 3

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Table 6 lists the variant proteases assayed from Example 1 and the results of testing in four different detergents. The same performance tests as in Example 2 were done on the noted variant proteases with the following detergents. For column A, the detergent was 0.67 g/l filtered Ariel Ultra (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column B, the detergent was 3.38 g/l filtered Ariel Futur (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 15 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 40°C. For column C, 3.5g/l HSP1 detergent (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 8 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C. For column D, 1.5 ml/l Tide KT detergent (Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, OH, USA), in a solution containing 3 grains per gallon mixed Ca²⁺/Mg²⁺ hardness, and 0.3 ppm enzyme was used in each well at 20°C.

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ပ	-	1.39	1.65	1.20	1.66	1.60	1.48	1.23	1.41	1.55	1.63	1.62	1.36	1.27	1.31
m	-	1.41	1.49	1.4.1	1.72	1.38	0.91	1.39	0.86	1.43	1.43	1.47	0.56 1	0.50	1.38
∢	-	1.44	2.34	1.05	1.81	2.19	2.91	0.93	2.67 0	2.22	2.30	2.31	2.63	2.75	1.11
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		N248D	Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	Ф236Н	Ф236Н	Q236H	A232V	Q236Н	Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	Q236H	Q245R
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2.01	1.06	1.54	1.20	1.56	1.87	2.89	2.42	0.95	2.42	1.85	3.22	1.72	1.65	2.58	0.94	1.05	1.18
1.12	1.37	1.53	1.47	1.56	1.47	1.07	1.29	1.24	1.42	1.30	1.43	1.58	1.59	1.33	1.46	1.31	0.85
0.15	1.42	1.40	1.58	1.36	1.36	0.33	0.46	1.46	1.00	1.13	0.91	1.36	1.46	0.77	1.52	1.41	1.41
2.27	1.37	2.14	1.22	2.12	1.88	2.24	2.43	0.98	2.52	2.05	2.61	2.18	2.14	2.46	1.31	1.21	1.51
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2.64	0.84	0.73	2.67	1.57	2.44	2.29	1.27	.56	1.15	1.28	2.25	1.28	1.45	1.55	1.40	1.72	7.1
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1.30	1.37	1.32	1.41	1.53	1.33	1.36	0.89	1.62	1.67	-	1.43	2	2	2	2	2	QN
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2.56	1.02	1.04	2.60	2.31	2.83	2.10	1.37	2.30	1.72	1.32	2.50	4.20	3.47	4.32	3.14	2.71	2.97
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1.90	1.33	1.69	2.71	2.40	2.58	1.82	2.46	2.84	3.97	3.09	2.60	2.54	1.10	2.55	2.40	1.86	1.95
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0.27	1.80	1.33	0.55	1.05	2.19	2.16	0.13	1.36	1.21	0.95	2.83	1.92	2.61	2.46	2.08	2.04	2.11
3.50	2.24	3.35	4.88	4.22	5.45	3.76	7.42	5.43	5.12	6.38	3.17	4.38	3.05	4.09	2.32	2.34	2.24
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1.56	2.09	2.66	2.78	0.94	1.41	0.57	1.86	0.50	1.20	2.10	2.67	0.41	2.07	2.48	2.76	2.10	2.35
2.81	2.30	2.63	2.01	7.74	5.14	4.97	2.41	4.42	5.86	5.87	2.98	4.02	6.63	2.03	2.96	2.74	2.11
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2.58	1.61	0.6	1.08	2.35	1.77	1.45	3.05	1.08	1.20	1.01	8.7	1.03	1.05	1.23	1.10	1.25	2
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0.71	1.32	1.23	0.71	0.83	1.38	0.07	1.16	1.34	1.47	1.38	1.18	1.23	1.38	1.51	1.30	0.80	_
3.42	2.59	1.30	2.94	3.17	2.15	3.07	2.26	1.82	2.16	1.79	1.15	1.47	1.90	1.55	1.96	2.49	420
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WHAT IS CLAIMED:

- 1. A protease variant comprising replacing an amino acid at one or more residue positions corresponding to residue positions selected from the group consisting of 62, 212, 230, 232, 252 and 257 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
 - 2. The protease variant according to claim 1 which is derived from a *Bacillus* subtilisin.
- 3. The protease variant according to claim 2 which is derived from *Bacillus* lentus subtilisin.
 - 4. A DNA encoding a protease variant of claim 1.
- 15 5. An expression vector encoding the DNA of claim 4.
 - 6. A host cell transformed with the expression vector of claim 5.
 - 7. A cleaning composition comprising the protease variant of claim 1.

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- 8. An animal feed comprising the protease variant of claim 1.
- A composition for treating a textile comprising the protease variant of claim 1.

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- 10. The protease variant according to claim 1 comprising a substitution set selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 1 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.
- 30 11. The protease variant according to claim 10 comprising a substitution set selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 2 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.

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12. The protease variant according to claim 10 comprising a substitution set selected from the group consisting of residue positions corresponding to positions in Table 3 of *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* subtilisin.



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WWW	ACG	Phe TTT	Lys AAG	Ser AGC	Lys A&A	Ser TCT
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ATTA	Lys AAA	SCG	Lys	Th. ACA	SA CA1	GG V
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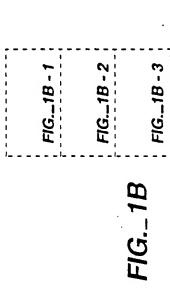
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1416 CTTCCCGGTTTCCGGTCAGCTCAATGCCGTAACGGTCGGCGCGTTTTCCTGATACCGGGAGACGGCATTCGTAATCGGATC

1316 ATAATCGACGGATGGCTCCCTCTGAAAATTTTAACGAGAAAACGGCGGGTTGACCCGGCTCAGTCCCGTAACGGCCAAGTCCTGAAACGTCTCAATCGCCG

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